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Complacency is enemy in war on terror

By Bob Murchland, Intelligence Specialist, USAO

As I write this it has been nearly four years since our country was attacked on September 11, 2001. Since that day we as a nation have done a colossal job deterring another "9/11" scale attack. This is a long time, particularly for a society that sometimes measures time in increments with names like the daily news cycle, the monthly billing period, or the quarterly report. Each day without another terrorist attack on our soil is a testament to the hard work of our law enforcement, military, and intelligence communities.

Each day is also a new chance to fall victim to our greatest threat, complacency. The nature of anti-terrorism is deterrence, and effective

deterrence results in nothing happening. In other words there are no numbers to count, no events to quantify, and no way to demonstrate productivity.

The people who attacked us on 9/11 do not view time the way we do. They mark time in terms of decades or perhaps centuries. Even a cursory review of the terrorism related indictments and prosecutions of the last few years illustrates that terrorist fundraising, intelligence collection, and recruitment has been taking place here in our country going back for twenty years or more. These activities are still occurring and there is every reason to believe that they will occur in the future. Our enemies take the same long-term approach when conducting an attack. Evidence currently being introduced in Spain indicates that intelligence collection and planning for the 9/11 assaults may have been underway in 1997.

What all this means to those of us tasked with playing defense is that each and every day we have to be at the top of our games. In a deterrence strategy, a quantifiable event is called failure. The people who would attack us however, enjoy the luxury of time. They can wait, watch, and prepare for a single window of opportunity.

If it's been awhile since you reviewed a handout of terrorism pre-incident indicators or studied the methods or tactics used by terrorists, get those books out of your locker or cruiser trunk. If you can't find them or you never had them to start with, call me at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Cincinnati and I will gladly provide you with training and resource material. If you have terrorism information to report call the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force at the following numbers. [Cincinnati](#): (513) 421-4310, [Columbus](#): (614) 224-1183, [Dayton](#): (937) 222-7485.



U.S. Deputy Attorney General James Comey speaks to local reporters in Columbus following a press conference to announce the indictments of 70 individuals on drug and gun charges. The round-up, headed by Columbus Police and ATF, was part of a nationwide initiative by state and federal agencies to employ Violent Crime Impact Teams (VCIT) to reduce violent crime in local neighborhoods.



U.S. Attorney welcomes two new Assistant U.S. Attorney's

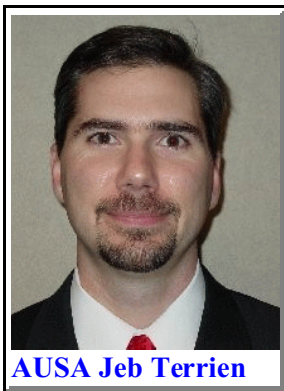
By Gregory G. Lockhart

In October 2004, we lost some of our valued Assistant U.S. Attorney's to the federal retirement buyout. We have since hired two new criminal AUSA's in the Southern District and I would like to introduce the latest additions to our team.

Vipal J. Patel will take the position vacated by David Horne's retirement in the Dayton office. Patel is originally from the Dayton area, and is returning home after having lived for the past 15 years in Los Angeles where he worked in private practice and most recently as an AUSA in the general crimes section of the L.A. U.S. Attorney's office. Patel is a graduate of Kent State University and the George Washington University Law School, in D.C.



AUSA Vipal J. Patel



AUSA Jeb Terrien

Jeb Terrien began his appointment on January 10 in the Cincinnati office. Terrien was an AUSA in the Northern District of West Virginia before joining our office. He had also been appointed a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in both the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia where he worked as a regional drug prosecutor. His experience also includes time as an assistant attorney general for the Commonwealth of Virginia in their money laundering and financial crimes unit, and as an assistant commonwealth's attorney in Virginia. Terrien holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia, and he graduated with honors from Tulane University Law School.

If you have the opportunity while in Dayton or Cincinnati, please welcome Patel and Terrien to the District.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gregory G. Lockhart".

Equitable Sharing Agreements Due by June 1

Current federal equitable sharing agreements for state and local law enforcement agencies expire this September. For continued participation in the program, all state and local agencies need to complete a new agreement by June 1, 2005. The new agreement will be valid through September 30, 2008.

The Federal Annual Certification Report is due 60 days after the close of your agency's fiscal year. The signed certification report is valid for one year and must be submitted each year, regardless of whether your agency received shared funds.

Agencies must file three copies of each document. One should be mailed to the Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section of the Justice Department; the second goes to the Treasury Department's Asset Forfeiture Office. The mailing addresses are on the agreement document. A third copy should be sent to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Columbus to the attention of Fred Alverson. The address is on the back page of the newsletter.

Both documents - the agreement and the certification report - must be on file before any state or local agency can receive any equitably shared cash, proceeds or property.

Copies of the agreement and certification report are available at www.usdoj.gov/criminal/afmls.html. If your agency does not have Internet access, forms are available by calling Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee manager **Fred Alverson** at (614) 469-5715. Further questions regarding reporting requirements and procedures may be directed to him or to **Lisa Trueblood** at (202) 616-0702.

Equitable Sharing Checks distributed for May and June 2005

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT	ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
Butler County Sheriff's Office	\$7,627.97	Trotwood Police Department	\$10,981.75
OOCIC	\$19,414.66	Greene Co. Sheriff's Office	\$10,981.75
Westerville Division of Police	\$12,430.17	Upper Arlington Police Department	\$12,430.17
Columbus Division of Police	\$39,546.14	Trenton Police Department	\$3,048.90
C.A.N.E. Task Force	\$4,676.63	Drug Abuse Reduction Task Force	\$580.00
Perry Twp. Police Department (Brookville)	\$15,152.21	Franklin County Sheriff's Office	\$8,850.68
Montgomery Co. Sheriff's Office	\$4,676.63	Marshall County Drug Unit (Alabama)	\$14,029.89
BCI&I	\$25,988.16	Jackson Twp. Police Department	\$11293.39
Norwood Police Department	\$ 580.00	Ohio State Highway Patrol	\$51,792.36
Dayton Police Department	\$39,735.50	Middletown Police Department	\$53,395.79
Kingman Police Department (Arizona)	\$736.50	Port Columbus Task Force	\$20,336.98
Preble County Prosecutor's Office	\$13,869.46	Totals May and June 2005	\$382,155.69



The Trenton Police Department and Butler County Prosecutor's Office received equitable sharing checks for their work in a case involving a drug dealer. Pictured left to right with the Trenton Police Department's check for \$234,174.68 are **U.S. Attorney Greg Lockhart**, **Trenton Police Chief Rodney Hale**, **Officer Steve Keist** who discovered the cache of cash responding to a domestic disturbance call, **Trenton Police Detective Blake Brown**, **Trenton City Manager Patrick Titterington**, and **U.S. Marshal Jim Wahlrab**. Butler County Prosecuting Attorney Robin Piper received a check for \$77,369.13.

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